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SUBJECT: SCREWWORM ERADICATION

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1. EMBASSY CONSULTED DR. NORMAN MEYER, CO-DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR THE ERADICATION OF THE SCREWWORM CONCERNING QUESTIONS REFTEL. IN DR. MEYER'S VIEW, GOM SERIOUSLY WANTS TO PROCEED WITH EVALUATION.

2. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED NO DOUBT AWARE, NASA/CONEE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF BUILDING INTO COMPUTER LIKELY INCIDENCE OF SCREWWORM INFESTATION IN GIVEN AREAS DERIVED FROM METEOROLOGICAL DATA AND SPECIAL TEMPERATURE AND MOISTURE CONDITIONS FAVORING SCREWWORM. COMPUTER DATA BASED ON SMALL SAMPLE AND HENCE NEED OF ADEQUATE EVALUATION BETWEEN COMPUTER PRODUCT AND ACTUAL INFESTATION.

3. SAG NATURALLY WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN HAVING RELIABLE COMPUTER INFORMATION ON INFESTED AREAS. SAG COULD GET ALONG WITHOUT THIS PROGRAM, BUT WOULD FIND IT MOST VALUABLE, IF ACCURACY OF COMPUTER DATA WAS ESTABLISHED.

4. ACCORDING TO DR. MEYER, CONEE, ON OTHER HAND, IS FAR LESS INTERESTED, AND SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM INVOLVING CONEE MAY HAVE TO BE CARRIED LARGELY BY NASA. THERE ARE ALSO SOME SERIOUS PERSONALITY CONFLICTS BETWEEN OFFICIALS

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CONCERNED.

5. AT MEETING IN GUADALAJARA ON MAY 13, 1975 CONEE
DREW UP TENTATIVE PLAN ON WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE
TO GET EVALUATION UNDERWAY. SAG IS NOW REVIEWING PLAN
TO SEE IF IT WOULD MEET ITS NEEDS. IF SO, PLAN WOULD
THEN NEED TO BE APPROVED BY SECRETARIAT FOREIGN RELATIONS
AND NEW US/MEXICAN AGREEMENT REACHED. SOME KIND OF DECISION
EXPECTED WITHIN TEN DAYS. JOVA

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